

*Written Testimony in support for HB 4138- HB 4148*

My name is Allison Ranusch. I'm a resident of South Lyon, MI and in 2017 I was at Detroit's *Noel Night* when a 16-year-old shot four other teenagers directly across the street from where I was standing. My wife and I ran and dropped down to the ground. We made it into the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) where we thought we could wait out the situation until it was safe. But then people started to run and yell inside the DIA, so we ran too and hid under the information desk until someone gestured that it was safe to leave. We then ran out of the DIA to our car and made it safely back home. I am writing to you today not because I think my experience is unique but because I know it is not. Every 8 hours in the State of Michigan a person is killed by gun violence.

I am asking you to vote in favor of proposed bills that will make it more challenging for people to obtain guns who shouldn't have access to them. The bills are HB 4138-4148 and they propose Universal Background Checks, Secure Storage of Firearms, and Extreme Risk Protection Orders. I know we all hold different views, but we should at least agree that all guns should be kept safely away from people with a history of criminal violence, unsupervised minors, and those who are an active threat to their family. These changes will not fix everything, but together they will make it more challenging for people who shouldn't have a gun to access one. If these laws were in effect in December of 2017 a 16-year-old may have not had access to a gun that shot four people. Thank you for your time.